

REMARKS

Reconsideration and allowance of the present application based on the preceding amendments and the following remarks is respectfully requested. Claims 19-52 having been deleted, the Applicants respectfully submit that claims 53-118 remain properly under consideration in the present application.

The Applicants appreciate the Examiner's acknowledgement of the receipt of the priority documents pursuant to 35 U.S.C. § 119(a)-(d).

Claims 19-22, 25-28, 29, 30, 33-35, and 3-44 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 102(b) as being anticipated by Khan et al. (U.S. Patent No. 4,614,961). The Applicants respectfully submit that the cancellation of these claims has rendered this rejection moot and request that it be withdrawn.

Claims 19-20, 23-24, 27, 30, 33, and 36 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 102(b) as being anticipated by Amano et al. (7th International Conference on Thin Films). The Applicants respectfully submit that the cancellation of these claims has rendered this rejection moot and request that it be withdrawn.

Claims 19, 20, 23, 24, 27, 30, 33, 36, and 45-52 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 103(a) as being unpatentable over Khan et al. in combination with Amano et al. The Applicants respectfully submit that the cancellation of these claims has rendered this rejection moot and request that it be withdrawn.

Applicants appreciate the Examiner's allowance of claims 53-118. As noted above, the Applicants have canceled all rejected claims of the instant application, specifically claims 19-52. Hence, Applicants respectfully request that the rejections under 35 U.S.C. §§ 102(b) and 103(a) be withdrawn from the present application.

If any points remain in issue which the Examiner feels may be best resolved through a personal or telephone interview, he is kindly requested to contact the undersigned at the telephone number listed below.

All objections and rejections having been addressed, it is respectfully submitted that the present application is in a condition for allowance and a Notice to that effect is earnestly solicited.

Respectfully submitted,

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